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Mr. Juan José Falla
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Dear Mr. Falla:

Following the sad news of Gil Sanchez's death, Mr. Sam Ellenport in Boston and I were in touch about various matters. He reminded me that you and Gil once visited this Library together.

Sam also told me that you had some colonial material, printed or manuscript, that you might be interested in donating?/selling? and I wanted to indicate to you our interest in acquiring anything pertaining to Latin America for the period prior to approximately 1825.

We do not ordinarily buy loose letters – as distinguished from bound manuscripts, such as codices – but we do accept miscellaneous letters as gifts. I know that Gil owned a few Guatemala imprints that this Library lacked, which I suppose he gave to the Harvard Library – regrettably, from our point of view.

The John Carter Brown Library is a very active center for advanced research in colonial history for the entire Western Hemisphere, from Hudson Bay to Patagonia, with the Spanish empire as one of our specialties. The collection attracts researchers from around the world because we have the largest collection of books printed in the Americas before 1800 -- the largest collection anywhere, for example, of early Mexicana and Peruviana, including the holdings of those two countries.

I am enclosing a few items representative of our work, and I encourage you to make another visit here when occasion presents itself.

In the meantime, I wish you a prosperous 2001, and my commiseration with regard the loss of Gil.

Sincerely,

Norman Fiering
Director and Librarian

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